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SUBJ: PARATROOPS MUTINY: SITREP NO. FIVE

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1. AT 4:30 PM ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF DECLARED A
"STATE OF EMERGENCY" SAYING MUTINOUS PARATROOPER GOALS
WERE BROADER THAN WHAT THEY HAD AVOWED. THEY WERE NAVIELY ALLOWING
THEMSELVES TO BE DRAGGED INTO PROVOKING CIVIL WAR. EMERGENCY WILL
ENTAIL CURTAILMENT OF REEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY.

2. DATT HAS REPORT THAT OTA AIR BASE, 40 MILES NORTH OF
LISBON, AND LOCATION OF RECENTLY RETURNED PARATROOPERS
FROM ANGOLA HAS BEEN TAKEN BY MUTINOUS PARATROOP FACTION.
THIS IS AN UNCONFIRMED REPEAT UNCONFIRMED REPORT.

3. BEJA AIR FORCE BASE, WHICH HAS NO PORTUGUESE AIRCRAFT
ASSIGNED HAS DECLARED FOR MUTINEERS.

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4. PORTUGUESE NATIONAL TELEVISION (RTP) AT 5:00 P.M.

PLAYED STATEMENT BY TWO REBELLIOUS PARATROOPERS GIVING THEIR DEMANDS FOR REMOVAL OF AIR FORCE CHIEF MORAIS DA SILVA, FIRST AIR REGION CHIEF PINHO FREIRE, AND REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBERS COSTA NEVES AND CANTO E CASTRO. SHOW WAS FOLLOWED BY "POPULAR POWER" SYMBOL WHICH HAS BEEN USED BY PCP AND EXTREME LEFT RECENTLY. IT IS CLEAR THAT RTP IS NOW IN HANDS OF RADICALS.

5. PRESIDENT HAS ASSUMED DIRECT COMMAND OF LISBON MILITARY REGION. PRESIDENT CALLED ON PARATROOPERS TO END THEIR "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTION."
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